AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended): A liquid crystal display (LCD) device comprising:

first and second substrates;

a thin film transistor (TFT) formed in a predetermined region on the first substrate;

a pixel electrode formed in a pixel region on the first substrate;

a color filter layer formed on the pixel electrode, a portion of the color filter layer being in direct contact with the pixel electrode;

a black matrix pattern formed in a region other than the pixel electrode; and

a liquid crystal layer formed between the first and second substrates.

2. (Original): The LCD device of claim 1, further comprising a common electrode formed on the second substrate.

3. (Original): The LCD device of claim 1, wherein the black matrix pattern is Benzocyclobutene (BCB).

4. (Original): The LCD device of claim 1, wherein the TFT is formed in a crossing region between a gate line and a data line on the first substrate.

5. (Original): The LCD device of claim 4, further comprising a connecting pattern which electrically connects a drain electrode of the TFT with the data line.

6. (Original): The LCD device of claim 5, wherein the connecting pattern is removed after the color filter layer is formed.

7. (Original): The LCD device of claim 5, wherein the connecting pattern passes above the gate line.

8. (Original): The LCD device of claim 5, wherein the connecting pattern forms a single body with the data line and the drain electrode.

9. (Original): The LCD device of claim 1, wherein the black matrix pattern is used as a passivation film.